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However, I also thought it advisible that the Department also instruct the Halifax consul directly.

The present case demonstrates the necessity of my inspecting Halifax passengers traveling on a vessel also carrying passengers for a port of the United States. As to the mode of inspection, I again beg to refer to my dispatch, No. 35, of April 13th last; at the same time I wish to inform the Department that I now require the packet company to furnish me with lists showing the names and country of residence of all Halifax passengers, so that I may know whether or not any of these emigrants come from an infected country. These lists I have properly sworn to by the ship's physician and officer, in the usual way, and feel certain that the Department approves of my doing so.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

HUGH PITCAIRN, *Consul.*

Hon. WILLIAM R. DAY,
Assistant Secretary of State.

NOTE.—The above telegram was repeated to the health officer at New York on May 14, 1898.

Arrival at Halifax, of steamship Pisa, from Hamburg, with 3 cases of smallpox on board.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., June 1, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of State, to inclose for your consideration a copy of a dispatch from the consul general at Halifax, reporting the arrival there of the emigrant steamer *Pisa* with 3 cases of smallpox on board. After the removal of the patients and a thorough disinfection, the vessel left for New York on the 26th ultimo.

Respectfully, yours,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,
Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 27, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the steamer *Pisa*, mentioned in Department of State dispatch, numbered 20, arrived in this port last Sunday night, the 22d instant. Three cases of smallpox developed during her voyage from Hamburg. The ship was detained in quarantine and all the Halifax passengers were landed there and are now in hospital. The entire ship was disinfected and also the clothing of all the emigrants, under the direction of the health officer of this port.

I am informed that the smallpox cases while on board the steamship were carefully isolated. The *Pisa* left here last night, the 26th instant, with 183 emigrants on board bound for New York.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN G. FOSTER,
Consul-General.

Hon. J. B. MOORE, *Assistant Secretary of State.*

INDIA.

Plague in Calcutta.

CALCUTTA, *May 4, 1898.*

SIR: In continuation of my dispatch, No. 54, dated April 27th last, in which I said that there had been a number of suspicious cases in Calcutta, but that the health officer had not decided whether they were well-defined cases of bubonic plague, or not, I now have the honor to inclose herewith a report of the proceedings of the legislative council of Bengal, with the remarks of the lieutenant governor published in the Englishman of the 2d instant, announcing that plague exists in Calcutta,